

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** 51B3E44EF910302B

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 2000036.024

**Medium:** Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

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| <b>Classification:</b> | Objectionable. |
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 06 April 2020

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 06 April 2020

### Summary of reasons for decision:

This digital image file is an overtly sexualised image of a naked young girl. The image is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). It presents young girls as appropriate subjects for adult sexual desire and fantasy. The image can only be for the titillation and arousal of those with a prurient interest in young girls and legitimises and encourages such an interest. As a digital image the publication can be shared widely among like-minded individuals. The image may also be used for grooming potential victims of child sexual abuse. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) be banned and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.